

Amendments to the Specification:

- 1.) Please replace the title with the following rewritten title:

Fast Hard Handover Scheme And Mobile Station And Base Station Supporting Such Scheme

- 2.) Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 2 ~~[[is]] illustrates block diagrams corresponding to those in FIG. 1 however disclosing the signalling steps 2A-2E~~ 2A-2F of an alternative method.

- 3.) Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The acknowledgements sent from the base stations BS1-BS3 in the second step ~~4C above, 1B,~~ should preferably be sent downlink separately from downlink user traffic, possibly on a dedicated control channel.

- 4.) Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line ¹³~~23~~, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In next step 3C, the second base station BS2 is addressed in the second packet transmitted from the mobile station MS. The second base station BS2 is selected by the mobile station MS because it was the base station commanding for power decrease the most often during the transmission of the previous frame. During the transmission of the next frame the mobile station MS will follow the power control commands of base station BS2 to set its transmit power but it will also monitor the power control commands of the other base stations ~~[[B1,]]~~ BS1 and BS3 in order to collect link quality data to be used at the next base station selection.

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